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ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers is governed by Article 7.6 of the Convention, which provides, inter alia, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object."

2. At its first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), on the proposal of the President, agreed that the secretariat should invite to the future sessions of the Conference and of its subsidiary bodies all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to the first and second sessions have been invited to attend the third session, and the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties applies to new applicants only.

3. In this context, the secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to COP 3 for consideration by the Conference at the start of the session. The list includes all new

applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have requested and been accorded provisional admission to the work of the subsidiary bodies since COP 2. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7.6 and of the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit (tax-exempt) status in a State member of the United Nations or of a specialized agency or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

4. During the October sessions of the subsidiary bodies, the COP Bureau considered the list of applicants and authorized the secretariat to advise all applicants of their "pre-admittance status", on the understanding that the final authority for the admission of observers rests with the COP.

5. The Bureau did not express any objection to any of the organizations listed in the annex to this note. It further recommended that the non-governmental organizations with an asterisk against their names in that list be admitted only to the third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 3), provided that they be invited to re-apply after COP 3, should they wish to continue to participate in the Convention process.

6. In the light of the above, the Conference is invited, at its first plenary meeting, to admit as observers to the third session of the Conference of the Parties the non-governmental organizations which have an asterisk against their names in the list contained in the annex below and accord observer status to the intergovernmental and remaining non-governmental organizations in that list.

Annex

List of new applicant organizations having expressed their wish to be admitted as observers at COP 3

I. Intergovernmental organizations

1. Ad-hoc Group for Energy-Related Climate Issues
2. Asian Development Bank
3. Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM)
4. Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
5. European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
6. European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT)
7. Independent World Commission on Oceans
8. Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE)
9. Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
10. South Pacific Permanent Commission (CPPS)

II. Non-governmental organizations

1. A SEED Europe (Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development) Groebenzell, Germany
2. A SEED Japan, Tokyo, Japan*
3. AIESEC Hitotsubashi Local Committee, Tokyo, Japan*
4. Alliance Internationale de Tourisme Brussels, Belgium
5. American Society of International Law, Washington, USA
6. American Portland Cement Alliance, USA
7. Architectural Institute of Japan (AIJ), Tokyo, Japan*
8. Association of International Research Initiatives for Environment Studies (AIRIES), Tokyo, Japan*
9. Association pour la Recherche sur le Climat et l'Environnement (ARCE), Oran, Algeria
10. Association Tunisie Méditerranée Pour le Développement Durable, Tunis, Tunisia
11. Australian Coal Association, Sydney, Australia
12. Birdlife International, Cambridge, United Kingdom
13. Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association (CVMA), Toronto, Canada
14. Canadian Global Change Program, Ottawa, Canada
15. CEDARENA (Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center) San Jose, Costa Rica
16. Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Geneva, Switzerland
17. Centre for Energy Policy (CEP), Moscow, Russia
18. Centre International de Recherche sur l'Environnement et le Développement (CIRED), Paris, France
19. Centre for Sustainable Development in the Americas, Washington, USA
20. Citizens Environmental Foundation, Tokyo, Japan*

21. Citizens' Nuclear Information Center, Tokyo, Japan*
22. Clean Centre of Environment Shimada, Shimada, Japan*
23. Climate Institute, Washington, USA
24. Columbia University, Columbia, USA
25. Committee For a Constructive Tomorrow, Washington, USA
26. Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, USA
27. Confederacion Sindical de Comisiones Obreras (CC OO), Madrid, Spain
28. Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Sydney, Australia
29. CREUMHS (The Cohort for Research on Environment, Urban Management and Human Settlement), Nairobi, Kenya
30. E & Co (An Energy Investment Service), Bloomfield, USA
31. Earth Science and Technology Association, Tokyo, Japan*
32. Earth Action, Massachusets, USA
33. Ecosystem Conservation Society, Tokyo, Japan*
34. Emilia Romagna Technological Development Agency (ASTER), Bologna, Italy
35. Environment Information Center, Tokyo, Japan*
36. Environmental Investigation Agency, London, United Kingdom
37. European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Brussels, Belgium
38. European Science and Environment Forum, London, United Kingdom
39. European Association for Solar Energy (EUROSOLAR), Bonn, Germany
40. Forum Atomique Européen/FORATOM, Brussels, Belgium
41. Franciscans International, New York, USA
42. Fraunhofer Society, Karlsruhe, Germany
43. Friends of the Earth Japan, Tokyo, Japan*
44. German Physical Society Working Group on Energy Issues, Overath, Germany
45. Global Network Class "Gakkos",Tokyo, Japan*
46. Global Environmental Action, Tokyo, Japan*
47. Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC), Osaka, Japan*
48. Global Guardian Trust, Tokyo, Japan*
49. Global Environmental Forum - Kansai, Osaka, Japan
50. Globe Japan, Tokyo, Japan*
51. GMB- Britain's General Union, London, United Kingdom
52. Green Korea United, Seoul, Korea
53. Green City, Munich, Germany
54. Green Cross Japan, Saitama, Japan*
55. Green Earth Organization, Accra, Ghana
56. Green Fingers Society for Environment Protection, London, United Kingdom
57. GRIP Quebec - University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada
58. Harvard University, Harvard, USA
59. Industrial Union Department (IUD), AFL-CIO, Washington, USA
60. Information Agency of the German Power Plants (IZE), Frankfurt, Germany
61. Institute For Environmental Management (IEM), Palo Alto, California, USA
62. International NGO Forum for Ozone Layer Protection and Against Global Warming, Kobe City, Japan*
63. International Women's Year Liaison Group, Tokyo, Japan*

64. International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers Union (ICEM) Brussels, Belgium
65. International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC), Kusatsu Shiga, Japan*
66. International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT), Yokkaichi, Japan*
67. International Education Resource and Innovation Centre, Tokyo, Japan*
68. International Union of Public Transport (IUTP), Brussels, Belgium
69. International Society for Mangrove Ecosystems (ISME), Okinawa, Japan*
70. International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Geneva, Switzerland
71. International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), Paris, France
72. IWMC World Conservation Trust, Dunedin, USA
73. Japan Environment Corporation (JEC), Tokyo, Japan*
74. Japan Environmental Technology Association, Tokyo, Japan*
75. Japan Bicycle Promotion Institute, Tokyo, Japan*
76. Japan Center of International and Comparative Environmental Law, Tokyo, Japan*
77. Japan Association of Environment Assessment (JEAS), Tokyo, Japan*
78. Japan Gas Association, Tokyo, Japan*
79. Japan Environment Association, Tokyo, Japan*
80. Japan Automobile Federation (JAF), Tokyo, Japan*
81. Japan Save the Ozone Network, Gunma, Japan* (JASON)
82. Japan International Forestry Promotion and Cooperation Center (JIFPRO), Tokyo, Japan*
83. Japan Tropical Forest Action Network (JATAN), Tokyo, Japan*
84. Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc., Tokyo, Japan*
85. Japanese Association of University Women, Toyota City, Japan*
86. Japanese Forum of Environmental Journalists, Tokyo, Japan*
87. JICHIRO (All Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers Union), Tokyo, Japan*
88. Joint Institute for Energy and Environment, Knoxville, USA
89. KIKO FORUM 97, Kyoto, Japan*
90. Kitakyushu International Techno-Cooperative Association (KITA), Kitakyushu, Japan*
91. Korea Institute of Science & Technology Europe (KIST Europe), Saarbrücken, Germany
92. Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan*
93. Kyoto Junior Chamber Inc., Kyoto, Japan*
94. Lancaster University, Lancaster, United Kingdom
95. Loss Prevention Council, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom
96. Maruia Society, Nelson, New Zealand
97. Midwest Research Institute/National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Colorado, USA
98. National Wildlife Federation, Washington, USA
99. National Association of State Fire Marshals, Washington, USA
100. Nature Conservation Society of Japan, Tokyo, Japan*
101. Netherlands Committee for IUCN, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
102. Netherlands Economic Institute, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
103. Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO), Kyoto, Japan*
104. Nord-Süd Forum e.V./Global Cooperation Council, Bonn, Germany
105. Northwest Pacific Area Environmental Cooperation Center, Toyama, Japan*
106. Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), Washington, USA
107. Oko Institut, (Institute for Applied Ecology), Darmstadt, Germany

108. Overseas Evaluation Cooperation Center (OECC), Tokyo, Japan*
109. Railway Technical Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan*
110. Real Link, Kyoto, Japan*
111. Redefining Progress, Washington, USA
112. Research Centre on Global Warming of the Japan Development Bank, Tokyo, Japan*
113. Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE), Kyoto, Japan*
114. Research Institute for Environment and Society, Tokyo, Japan*
115. Resources for the Future, USA
116. Rockefeller Foundation, New York, USA
117. SAEI (SFC Alternative Energy Innovators), Fujisawa, Japan*
118. Saitama Forum for Environmental Education, Saitama, Japan*
119. Save the Earth! Action 97, Osaka, Japan*
120. Scientists for Global Responsibility, London, United Kingdom
121. Setogaku Kokusai Kaigi (Seto Identity Iternational Committee), Aichi, Japan*
122. Society of Electric Vehicle, Yokohama, Japan*
123. Solar Net, Tokyo, Japan*
124. SOROPTIMIST International of the Americas, Inc. of the Highashi Region, Tokyo, Japan*
125. Southern Research Institute, Birmingham, USA
126. Sovereignty International, Hollow Rock, USA
127. Technische Hochschule, Institute for Political Sciences-Darmstadt, Germany
128. TELLUS Institute, Boston, USA
129. Thailand Environment Institute, Bangkok, Thailand
130. The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, Washington, USA
131. The Netherlands Energy Research Foundation, Petten, The Netherlands
132. The Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science & Technology/Human Ecology Group (EAWAG) Zurich, Switzerland
133. The David Suzuki Foundation, Vancouver, Canada
134. The Business Roundtable, Washington, USA
135. The Pacific Rim Consortium for Energy Combustion and the Environment, California, USA
136. The Federation of Electric Power Companies (FEPC), Tokyo, Japan
137. The European Association for the Promotion of Cogeneration (COGEN), Brussels, Belgium
138. The Solar Century, Oxford, United Kingdom
139. The Institute of Energy Economics (IEE), Tokyo, Japan*
140. The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Tokyo, Japan*
141. The Japan Environmental Education Forum, Tokyo, Japan*
142. The Forum of Local Government Representatives for Contemplation on the Environment and Industry, Kyoto, Japan*
143. The Aozora Foundation, Osaka, Japan*
144. The Japan Network for Earth Environment and Prevention Pollution, Tokyo, Japan*
145. The Japan Economic Research Institute (JERI), Tokyo, Japan*
146. The Pollution Related Health Damage Compensation and Prevention Association, Tokyo, Japan*
147. The Japan Scientist Association, Tokyo, Japan*

148. The Global Environmental Forum, Tokyo, Japan*
149. The Association of Consumer Affairs Professionals (ACAP), Tokyo, Japan*
150. The Local Grassroots Network of Citizens, Tokyo, Japan*
151. Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe (UNICE), Brussels, Belgium
152. United Nations Environment & Development - UK Committee, London, United Kingdom
153. United Nations Student Association of Japan, Tokyo, Japan*
154. University of Kassel, Kassel, Germany
155. University of Surrey, Surrey, United Kingdom
156. University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway
157. Wild Bird Society of Japan, Tokyo, Japan*

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